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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6 338 935 B1 (ALPEROVICH MARK ET AL) 15 January 2002 (2002-01-15) the whole document	1, 2, 5-10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19
Y	-----	3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 17
Y	US 6 517 995 B1 (JACOBSON JOSEPH M ET AL) 11 February 2003 (2003-02-11) column 2, line 34 - line 47 column 3, line 49 - line 50 column 5, line 35 - column 6, line 31 -----	3, 4, 11, 13, 14
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows

see additional sheet

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest
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Figure 6

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